



Indiana State Excise Police News Release

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ISEP Officers Seize Quantity of Untaxed Cigarettes in LaPorte County

LaPorte County, Indiana - The Indiana State Excise Police investigated anonymous complaints regarding untaxed cigarettes at locations in LaPorte County. As a result Excise Police Officers investigated two LaPorte County locations on Tuesday.

Excise Officers went to Mike's Country Store, located at 9977 N. State Rd. 39, LaPorte, IN 46350, and Low Bob's Discount Tobacco, located at 609 E. Lincolnway, LaPorte, IN 46350. At each location Excise Officers located numerous cigarettes of various brands, in which Indiana taxes had not been paid. Approximately 3700 packs of cigarettes were seized at both locations.

As a result of this investigation Mikes Country Store was issued a notice of violation for Possession of Untaxed Cigarettes, and Purchasing Cigarettes from a Non-Distributor. Low Bob's Discount Tobacco was issued a notice of violation for Possession of Untaxed Cigarettes, Purchasing Cigarettes from a Non-Distributor, and Failure to Display Tobacco Certificate. These cases will be forwarded to the Prosecutor of the Indiana Alcohol and Tobacco Commission for review and prosecution.

The Indiana State Excise Police will continue to investigate tobacco law violations.

The Excise police can be reached at 219-872-6041 or at www.in.gov/isep. The Excise police encourage anyone with information about illegal activity to contact them.